

Mid-Leave Leader Radio Check

WHO: Immediate supervisors, any level

WHAT: Phone contact by supervisor halfway through subordinate's leave

WHY: Helps Soldiers to do the right thing during leave periods

WHEN: Across leave situations

TIME REQ'D: Less than 5 min.

HOW:

1. Before Soldier goes on leave, supervisor confirms a good contact # (usually a cell), i.e., one that is highly reliable

2. Supervisor notes mid-point of leave & puts date on calendar

3. On that day, supervisor makes brief call; example topics are

- Just checking to see how things are going
- What have you been up to & what have you got planned?

Note: look for **overconfidence**, **complacency**, **indiscipline**, and **lack of training** for the given activity or equipment

– *boldfaced items are common causes of accidents*

- Remind to take proper precautions on things like partying, swimming, boating, hunting, gun handling, late night driving, ATV riding, rock climbing, upcoming weather (snow, ice, fog, rain), etc.
- Finish with something like “we want you back in one piece” or don’t forget your buddies back here”

4. Shouldn’t last longer than 3-5 minutes

5. If unable to reach after two tries, leave a message & discuss contact # upon member’s return